

of course there are next to no facilities here
and not being much of a "plant hunter"
there are doubtless a number of mistakes
in the naming of the plants.

Ever sincerely Yours

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My Dear Dr. Kay,

I have your
card & note - and will explain the
Braudagee and Tweedy affairs for I
can see that there is a difficulty.

In sending out the parties under
the Northern Transcontinental Survey there
would be a number of Surveyors and
sometimes an "observer" or where the
latter was not present one of the young
civil engineers would undertake the job
of making the observations. Mr Tweedy
was one of the Survey party while Brau-
dagee was technically an "observer". But
both were of the same party most of the
time and collected in exactly the same
localities and in company. Braudagee was
bound to make collections while Tweedy did

it from love of it and the science; and the latter made better specimens than the former although fewer of them. All of Braudages' came true as belonging to the Survey and made by its order. Tweedy need not have sent his but chose to do so. I could not send out many of Tweedy's but sometimes did so; but he deserves really more credit than Braudage as he had no facilities furnished him by the N.J. Survey while Braudage had. In the case in point, ~~the specimens~~, if I remember correctly, the large and small specimens were together in each set and 688 Braudage was exactly the same as 898 and 900 Tweedy. At any rate both collected the large plant at the same time and place. Now for that place. "Mt. Stewart" ~~was~~ is the culminating point of the "Monatchie region" and "Alpin", "Monatchie region" really means Mt. Stewart. My ticket should have

the word "near" erased. I did not understand this exactly until after my label was written and I had seen the collector.

I ought to say that after taking out my set of the whole collection - I took out yours; ^{but} if I found the plant was desirable and there was but one specimen you generally got it. The rest set went to the Academy N.S. Phila. and there there was not much left. Now if the specimens were evidently the same from both I might keep Tweedy's specimen and send you Braudages or vice-versa.

Only one thing more in explanation. Some of the observers were no botanists; and you can hardly imagine the amount of trash I had to wade through. There were besides this 4 or 5 good collections including my own. All of these I had to sort and arrange and study as best I could, at times when my regular business (which had accumulated in my absence) permitted,